

Latex Paint Collection Guidelines



Accept:

Latex paint (also called “acrylic” paint) and latex stains, in original containers.

Do NOT accept:

- Oil paint (also called “alkyd” paint)
- Paint not in original container
 - o Paint has been consolidated (different colors and/or sheens mixed together in the same container)
 - o If the paint is not a latex paint container, for instance, paint in a coffee tin
- Unlabeled/unidentifiable paint (even if the customer tells you it is latex)
- Latex paint blended with another material – such as
 - o Oil / alkyd
 - o Lacquer
 - o Urethane
 - o Epoxy
- Enamel can be either oil or latex. Check the label for “100% latex or acrylic” and/or “cleans up with water”. If you can’t determine that it is latex, please do not accept.

Other ways to determine if you can accept the paint:

- Check for metal ears. The “ears” are the protruding parts of the can that attach the handles to the can. Not all metal ears indicate oil paint, but all oil paint cans have metal ears.
- Check the clean-up instructions. If it says “cleans up with water” it is probably latex paint and you should accept it unless the label says it is not latex.

Taking calls about latex paint recycling (be sure to mention):

- Latex paint only.
- Quantity restrictions if any.
- Original containers only – do not combine into single container.
- Cost to accept paint for recycling.

Large quantity (contractors, junk haulers, property managers...):

- If quantity is more than you want to accept, have them contact GreenSheen paint. They can set up an appointment with our facility in Kent.

What to do with unacceptable materials:

- If the customer has materials you cannot accept, refer them to the local household hazardous waste facility (HHW).
- Hazardous materials are accepted at no charge. Some restrictions apply. Check with the HHW for details.

Other questions:

- Call, text or email Peter Thermos – (206) 850-7383, peter@greensheensheepaint.com